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FOr : COVALENT CHEMICAL INDUCERS OF PROTEIN

DIMERIZATION AND THEIR USES IN HIGH

THROUGHPUT BINDING SCREENS

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Sir:

## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 2, 2006 OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This is an Amendment submitted in response to a June 2, 2006 Communication issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the June 2, 2006 Communication was due September 2, 2006. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond. The fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is FIVE HUNDRED AND TEN DOLLARS (\$510.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed. Applicants have previously established small entity status. With a three-month extension of time a response is now due December 2, 2006. However, since December 2, 2006 falls on a Saturday, a response filed on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal Holiday, i.e. Monday, December 4, 2006, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. \$1.7. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows: